

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR  
POSITIONING OF MEDICAL DEVICES IN BODY LUMENS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A guide wire combined with a catheter or medical  
device for moving through a body lumen to a desired  
position in the body with the aid of an applied magnetic  
field. The guide wire is provided with a magnet on its  
distal end that can be oriented or oriented and moved by  
the application of a magnetic field to the magnet. A  
catheter or other medical device can be advanced over the  
guide wire. Once the medical device is in its desired  
10 position, the magnet can be withdrawn through the lumen  
of the catheter. Alternatively, a guide wire with a  
magnet on its distal end can be docked at the distal end  
of a catheter or medical device and can be oriented, or  
oriented and moved by the application of a magnetic  
15 field.

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